RESOLUTION NUMBER 183

Lesbian and Gay Band Associations

WHEREAS; the Lesbian and Gay Band Association (LGBA) was founded in 1982 as a non-profit corporation composed of lesbian and gay bands throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, LGBA has grown to include 29 concert and marching bands from cities across the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, LGBA provides a national network of lesbian and gay band programs in all stages of development while promoting music as a medium of communication among all people; and

WHEREAS, LGBA seeks to improve the quality of artistic and organizational aspects of member bands while stimulating public interest in the unique art form of community band music in our culture; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis' gay and lesbian community band, BandTogether, will host "Silver in St. Louis," the 25th Anniversary Conference of LGBA on October 4-7, 2007; and

WHEREAS, to celebrate this event, BandTogether will produce a special anniversary concert on October 6, 2007 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral featuring over 250 musicians representing 25 LGBA member bands including more than 70 musicians from BandTogether.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the Lesbian and Gay Band Association for their contributions to the art form of community band music and thank BandTogether for their contributions to the City of St. Louis and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 5th day of October, 2007 by:

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 5th day of October, as attested by: